

**GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS  
ENTERPRISES  
March 26, 2007  
MINUTES**

**The Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises met on March 26, 2007 at 1:00 pm in the Government Center South, Conference Room B, Indianapolis, Indiana.**

**HAND-OUTS**

**The Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (MWBE) staff distributed several hand-outs to all attendees prior to the start of the meeting.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Commission Members Present:**

**Angela Faulkner, Faulkner Strategies  
Gary Gibson, Indianapolis Airport Authority  
Carrie Henderson, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA)  
Martha Kenley for Karl Browning, Commissioner INDOT (Non Voting)  
Tony Kirkland, Office of Governor Mitchell E. Daniels  
Sylvia Trotter, Trotter Construction Company**

**Commission Members Absent:**

**Jean Breaux, Indiana State Senator  
Cleo Duncan, Indiana State Representative  
Greg Porter, State Representative  
William Harmon, Harmon Construction  
Rae Pearson, Alpha Rae Personnel  
Priya Wharton, Tri-Star Engineering  
Lisa Spalding, Indiana Economic Development Corporation  
Nell Hill, Aztec**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tony Kirkland. There were not enough Commission members present to establish a quorum.**

**WELCOME**

**Chairman Tony Kirkland welcomed the Commission members and attendees and asked everyone to sign-in before leaving the meeting. Chairman Kirkland spoke briefly about the upcoming business ventures in Indiana, specifically the Honda and Nestles facilities and how these firms will offer employment opportunities for our state.**

**Deputy Commissioner Cummings announced that Representative Jean Breaux would replace Commissioner Billie Breaux. Claudia Cummings, Deputy Commissioner, also welcomed the Commission members and attendees.**

**Deputy Commissioner Cummings introduced the three new MWBE employees, Stacy Shew, Deputy Director Certification, Jocelyn Williams, Program Specialist and Tonya Schober, Business Specialist.**

#### **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER REPORT**

**Deputy Commissioner Claudia Cummings referred the attendees to the hand-outs and gave a brief overview of each subject.**

**Commissioner Angela Faulkner expressed concerns about goal setting for firms without MWBE participation and whether or not a query of the number of MWBE's submitting contracts would be available to the Commission.**

**Commissioner Faulkner also expressed her concerns about the proposed House Bill 1566 which addresses MWBE certification for non-profit organizations. Commissioner Faulkner stated that non-profit organizations will be in direct competition with for-profit firms, and feels that this is an unfair advantage since the non-profits are not required to pay taxes.**

**Deputy Commissioner Cummings, Chairman Kirkland, Commissioners Trotter and Gibson responded to Commissioner Faulkner's inquiries.**

#### **MWBE DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

**Cathy Bischoff, MWBE Director of Certification, presented a report on the number of certified firms since the last Commission meeting. Director Bischoff stressed that increased volume of on-site visits and faster information to the vendor, i.e. e-mails vs the mail service, will allow for faster certification turnaround.**

#### **MBEC REPORT**

**Reppard Horne, MBEC Director, referred the attendees to the MBEC hand-out and presented a brief highlight of the program.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mr. Conrad, owner of J.A. Conrad's Construction questioned whether or not goals are required or recommended? He expressed his frustration that small business owners like himself are at a disadvantage since the larger companies are normally awarded the contracts. Charles Hill, Compliance Manager explained the goals can not be required under the U.S. Supreme Court ruling.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Kirkland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 pm.**

